



# ORD's Office of Science Policy Cross-Program Staff

## *Factsheet*

The Cross-Program Staff within the Office of Research and Development's (ORD) Office of Science Policy (OSP) is responsible for the development, coordination, and oversight of office-wide strategies for ORD involvement in issues that cut across EPA's traditional program- and media-specific emphases. The Staff's cross-Agency emphasis complements the work of OSP's Planning and Program Support staffs, which in most cases interact with the rest of ORD and the Agency from a program- and/or media-specific perspective.

The Cross-Program Staff is organized into three teams: (1) Science Policy Council (SPC) Team, (2) Regional Science Team, and (3) Cross-Cutting Initiatives Team.

### Science Policy Council Team

The **Science Policy Council (SPC) Team** supports the work of the SPC, its Steering Committee, and SPC-sponsored ad hoc work groups. With a goal of integrating policies that guide Agency decision makers in their use of scientific and technical information, the SPC works to implement and ensure the success of selected initiatives recommended by EPA staff as well as by external advisory bodies such as the National Research Council and the Science Advisory Board, and others such as Congress, industry, and environmental groups. In this way, the SPC contributes guidance for selected EPA regulatory and enforcement policies and decisions.

### Regional Science Team

The **Regional Science Team** manages the ORD Regional Science Program, which links ORD's research program with EPA's regional offices. The Regional Science Liaisons to ORD (one in each region), the Lead Region Coordinator (a scientist in the Lead Region for ORD), and the OSP Regional Science Team collaborate on four key activities:

- (1) Plan and conduct Regional Science Topic Workshops.
- (2) Manage the Regional Applied Research Effort (RARE) and the Regional Methods (RM) Program.
- (3) Support regional participation in ORD research planning.
- (4) Facilitate the communication of ORD science to the regions.

### Cross-Cutting Initiatives Team

The **Cross-Cutting Initiatives Team** supports ORD in the areas of tribal science, environmental justice, environmental foresight (or "futures"), the EPA Science Inventory, the Council on Regulatory Environmental Modeling, and the Federal Technology Transfer Act.

For more information on the Cross-Program Staff and its activities, visit the OSP Web Site at <http://www.epa.gov/osp>.